

# Open House Meeting to Discuss Revised FEMA Flood Maps in Coastal Lane County

## FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP UPDATES FOR LANE COUNTY

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) have created new preliminary flood maps (known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, FIRM) along the coastal areas of our community.

You have received this letter because our most up-to-date information indicates that your own property within or near one or more coastal or riverine flood hazard areas. With the new preliminary maps, your property may be remapped into an area of "Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)" or mapped out of the SFHA. The SFHA is a designated area that has a 1-percent chance of flooding (commonly known as the 100-year flood).

### HOW ARE [COASTAL AND RIVERINE] FLOOD HAZARD AREAS DETERMINED?

Both scientific and community-provided data is used to help identify areas with potential for flooding that could put both lives and property at risk during storms and flood events.

### WHO IS MAKING THESE UPDATES AND WHY?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) have been working closely with the Community to identify the most specific information about the Coastal areas located throughout Lane County. Flood hazard zones are then updated using this more precise topographical and engineering data.

The better the information that FEMA is able to gather, the more accurate the flood maps will be. Our goal is to gather input and perspective from a city, county, tribe, and citizens to create these tools. The desired outcomes from this process are maps that will be used by community officials for future development, land use mapping, and hazard mitigation planning.

### WHERE DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW MY PROPERTY IS IMPACTED BY THE MAP UPDATES?

To avoid long lines at the open house property owners are highly encouraged to review the revised flood maps to identify their property's flood risk before the meeting. You can review the floodplain map changes and/or print your property's specific flood map online at website: <http://arcg.is/14mjy5> by entering your full address after you open the Map Viewer application.

The process for providing comments or requesting a map change will be discussed at the Open House meeting. Comments can include corrections or clarifications pertaining to misspellings, labeling, and/or missing information on flood maps. Correction requests related to technical data (e.g., flood elevations) must include scientific data such as ground elevation points from a private engineer or surveyor. Following adoption, these maps will be used to determine flood insurance rates, inform hazard mitigation plans, and assist with local land use and floodplain development permitting.

To learn more about federal flood insurance, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov). More information is available by calling the FEMA Map Information eXchange, (877) 336-2627, or by visiting FEMA's Flood Map Service Center, at [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov). Additionally, you may contact Lane County's Planner-on-duty at 541-682-3577, or visit Lane County's FEMA Coastal Floodplain Map Update website for additional information: [www.lanecounty.org/FEMAMapUpdate](http://www.lanecounty.org/FEMAMapUpdate)



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### QUESTIONS?

Lane County and the City of Florence will host an Open House on September 18, 2018. We encourage community members who have any questions about the risk to their properties and next steps to attend so FEMA representatives can provide information and answer questions about revisions to Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

### Join us:

September 18, 2018

4:00pm-6:30pm

Presentation at 4:00pm

Florence Events Center

715 Quince St.  
Florence, OR. 97439

Print out your property specific flood map before the meeting.

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